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In re application of:

Marotti, Poorman, Wells and Shinabarger

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For: ELONGATION FACTOR P (EFP) AND ASSAYS AND ANTIMICROBIAL TREATMENTS RELATED TO THE SAME



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to the Final Rejection mailed June 29, 2001, the Advisory Action mailed September 21, 2001, and the Advisory Action mailed March 12, 2002, and is being filed along with the request for continued examination (RCE) filed herewith in connection with the above-identified patent application. A Notice of Appeal was filed December 28, 2001 and was received by the Patent Office on January 22, 2002. The period for filing the present RCE has been extended, by enclosure of a petition and fee, to and through April 22, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, add new claims 142-150, and amend claims 4-8, 15-18, and 141 to read as follows:

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